

Applicant respectfully disagrees that proposed amendments would require further examination and search because the amendments merely moved several terms that were already in the amended claims to the forefront of the claims.

In claims 13-17, the adjective topical was changed to the adverb topically for grammatical correctness in that it now described "effective" rather than the composition itself. Support for the effectiveness of the composition for the specific conditions listed is found in the specification at page 13, line 15: "Most specifically, the topical composition is used to treat radiation dermatitis, thermal burns, sunburn, and dermatomyofibromas."

Claims 13-17 already contained the term "active" in relation to each of the conditions described:

13. (Currently Amended) A topically effective composition according to claim 1, characterized in that it is active against radiation dermatitis.

14. (Currently Amended) A topically effective composition according to claim 1, characterized in that it is active against exposure-induced wrinkles.

15. (Currently Amended) A topically effective composition according to claim 1, characterized in that it is active against thermal burns.

16. (Currently Amended) A topically effective composition according to claim 1, characterized in that it is active against sunburn.

17. (Currently Amended) The topically effective composition according to claim 1, characterized in that it is active against dermatomyofibromas.

The movement of the word "molecularly distilled" to the beginning of claims 1, 4, 7, and 10 clarified that the importance of the use of molecularly distilled fish oils in this invention. This phrase was already within those claims and does not add new matter. In claim 5, the words "molecularly distilled" were at the introduction of the claim as Currently Amended drafted, and the elimination of these terms in the later phrases of the claim is merely to comport with the antecedent claim, claim 1, in that it has been changed to make clear that all of the 3-omega fish oils are molecularly distilled and does not repeat this description for the individual oils.

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